



Outreach Notice
Gila National Forest
Black Range Ranger District/Quemado Ranger District

Forestry Technician (Recreation)
GS-0462-7/8/9
Permanent Appointment



The Gila National Forest will be filling two Forestry Technician (Recreation) position located on the Black Range Ranger District, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico and the Quemado Ranger District in Quemado, New Mexico. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in this position.

Position Information

The full performance level for this position serves as the Forestry Technician (Recreation). This is a supervisory position, provides direction to other employees and volunteers on specific projects. Implements recreation plan objectives and inspects the full range of recreation uses, administration of special authorization for recreation events and concessionaire operations.

Gathers relevant information and project cost for recreation facilities, maintenance, and operation. The position develops source documents for managing and carrying out management plans.

This position participates in the development, administration, and execution of annual work plans for recreation resources in compliance with agency guidelines and direction. Special use applications are processed, including on-the-ground investigations of site suitability, preparation of associated environmental assessment reports, and special use permits in final form for the supervisor's review.

Coordinates within the unit to ensure timeliness, form, procedure, quality and quantity standards are met in individual cases while creating an environment which respects, appreciates and accepts the contributions and perspectives of all employees. Work may require the use of horses, pack stock, ATVs, UTVs, 4x4 pickups and trailers. Some work will occur in wilderness and require the associated skills. This position will support wildfire management as directed and will have other duties assigned.

Gila National Forest

Located in southwestern New Mexico, the Forest is 3.3 million acres of rugged mountains consisting of chaparral, woodland pine, mixed conifer and grassland meadows. It is home to the Gila, Aldo Leopold and Blue Range Wildernesses and headwaters of the Gila, Mimbres and San Francisco Rivers. The forest has abundant populations of wildlife including javelina, turkey, deer and elk.

Black Range Ranger District

The Black Range Ranger District administers 522,615 acres of the Gila National Forest. Located on the easternmost side of the forest, the district is shaped like an inverted boot. To the northwest 82 miles from Truth or Consequences on New Mexico Highway 59 is the Beaverhead Work Station. To the south 40 miles from Truth or Consequences on New Mexico Highway 152 is the Kingston Administrative Site. These two sites are presently used as work centers for summer/seasonal employees.

Quemado Ranger District

The Quemado Ranger District encompasses more than 700,000 acres of the Gila National Forest and was originally administered by the Apache National Forest. In 1974, administrative responsibility of the Apache transferred to the Gila. Later in 1995, the Quemado and Luna Ranger Districts consolidated to create the Quemado Ranger District.

Twenty full-time District employees staff the fully integrated offices of the Luna Work Center located in Luna, NM and the Quemado Ranger Station in Quemado, NM. Integrated resource management programs on the Quemado Ranger District include:

- Management of the nationally recognized *Game Unit 15* elk herd with primitive weapons only hunting.
- Integrated program of wildlife and range *riparian improvement* projects.
- Nationally recognized *watershed improvement* and *range betterment* programs.
- Cooperation with the *Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction* program.
- *Partnership* programs designed to accomplish mutual objectives with grazing allotment permittees, youth groups, conservation groups, local residents, and local governments.
- Ecosystem based *timber* program designed to benefit forest health, wood product users and visitors.
- Use of planned and unplanned ignitions to restore landscapes.
- An active fire management program, with 50 to 80 wildfires reported annually.
- Collaborative fire management program with local communities and Volunteer Fire Departments, state agencies and other federal agencies.

The District offers many outdoor recreation opportunities including the **Quemado Lake Recreation Area**, elevation 7,860', where trout and tiger muskie fishing, hiking, and camping attract visitors from all over New Mexico to the 130-acre lake. Three developed campgrounds adjacent to the lake.

With an average annual rainfall of 15 inches, there are many dry, sunny days in this 4-season climate for visitors to take advantage of the abundant game population of elk, deer, pronghorn, javelina, bear, mountain lion, and wild turkeys. Many visitors enjoy camping in one of the four primitive campgrounds, watching for bald eagles and other wildlife, visiting the many lookout towers and archeological sites, or hiking the more than 30 miles of trails including a section of the **Continental Divide Trail**.

Duty Stations

The Duty Station for this position on the Black Range is the District Office located in Truth or Consequences and on the Quemado District the District is located in Quemado.

Life in Truth or Consequences

Truth or Consequences (T or C) is located in the Rio Grande Valley of southern New Mexico. Originally Palomas Hot Springs, the town changed its name to Truth or Consequences in 1950 in response to a challenge from a popular radio show by the same name.

T or C and the surrounding area support a population of approximately 10,000 residents. Primary and secondary schools, and a branch of Western New Mexico University offer educational opportunities

The community experiences average summer daytime temperatures of 92 degrees. Mild winter daytime temperatures average 48 degrees. Annual precipitation is 10-12 inches with humidity in the 10-15% range.

Recreation

T or C and the surrounding area offer a multitude of recreational opportunities including sight-seeing, water sports, fishing, camping, hiking, golfing and enjoying the natural hot springs. The Rio Grande River, Elephant Butte and Caballo Lake State Parks are nearby.

Medical

Sierra Vista Hospital, medical clinics, dental and eye care are available. Full service facilities are located in Las Cruces and Albuquerque.

Housing

No government housing is available. Homes are available in T or C, Elephant Butte, Williamsburg and the outlying area. The average price of a family dwelling is \$125,000. Rental homes are priced in the monthly range of \$600.

Informational Websites:

Gila National Forest	http://www.fs.usda.gov/gila
City of Truth or Consequences	http://www.truthorconsequencesnewmexico.com

Life in Quemado

The unusual name for this cozy community of 250 folks originates from the 1880's story of Jose Antonio Padilla. When Padilla settled near a creek east of the present town, he found that American Indians opposing outsiders burned the surrounding brush. Consequently, he named the area "Quemado," Spanish for "burned." Today, a grassland valley surrounded by piñon pine and juniper hills no longer shows the scars of a historic past and accentuates the extinct volcanic area of Quemado.

Located in Catron County (*NM largest*), Quemado, elevation 6,890', is a service center for local ranchers offering one café, two motels, two gas/convenience stations both with Gas/Diesel pumps, one service garage's with mechanic's on duty, one well stocked country grocery store, a hardware store, Catholic and Baptist churches, and a post office.

The modern community oriented school in Quemado provides grades K-12 while opportunities for higher education are available more locally at the branches of Northland Pioneer College in Springerville, AZ and New Mexico State University in Grants, NM. Several four-year universities are located in New Mexico including; University of New Mexico (Albuquerque), New Mexico State (Las Cruces), New

Mexico Highlands (Las Vegas), Western New Mexico University (Silver City), and New Mexico Tech (Socorro).

Medical facilities are provided by the once a week Clinic from Catron County in Reserve. Full service communities at Springerville, AZ (50 miles west) Grants, NM (84 miles north), Socorro, NM (110 miles east), Silver City, NM (160 miles south), and Show Low, AZ (100 miles west) provide additional shopping and medical facilities. The city of Albuquerque, NM (154 miles north) has the nearest large scale, commercial airport to meet all travel needs.

Housing

Housing for this position may be available in the form of either crew quarters or family residence. There are typically rentals, trailer spaces, and some homes for sale in the area. Contact Susan Kennedy, Support Services Specialist at (575) 773-4678, for current information on housing opportunities in the local area.

To find more information about the Gila National Forest and the Quemado Ranger District, visit our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila>.

For Additional Information:

If you are interested in applying for this position or receiving more information, contact:

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GILA NATIONAL FOREST

**BLACK RANGE RANGER DISTRICT
or
QUEMADO RANGER DISTRICT**

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ____PERMANENT ____TEMPORARY ____TERM

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER-CONDITIONAL)
EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL
AUTHORITIES:

_____	PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
_____	VETERANS READJUSTMENT
_____	DISABLED VETERAN W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
_____	VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
_____	FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
_____	STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
_____	OTHER_____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST